

June 11, 1973

Mrs. William J. Capelli
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Dear Mrs. Capelli:

I have read your carefully written letter several times and I am at a loss to attempt to diagnose your daughter's troubles. You certainly followed your doctor's instructions intelligently and faithfully.

Some thoughts which come to mind, and I am sure they have, too, to the doctors at Jefferson, are 1) fibrocystic disease 2) diaphragmatic hernia, 3) some difficulty with her esophagus. Maybe you could check with your pediatrician on these points.

From your letter, I am not sure whether the "gastrostomy tube" is passed through her nose, or through an abdominal incision. If the latter, she may have some trouble with her esophagus.

I know several of the doctors at Jefferson and it is an excellent place to have your baby cared for. We have all been surprised to have babies such as yours suddenly begin to thrive. I do hope your baby will be one of them.

Thank you for writing me.

Sincerely,

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Virginia Apgar, M.D., M.P.H.